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# Butt out!Campus to go tobacco-free Sept. 1

By Rubí Martínez  
Staff Writer

As of Sept. 1, UTB/TSC will become the first tobacco-free campus in the University of Texas System. In this new policy, the university aims for a health-conscious community while encouraging smokers to quit the habit.

“I’m very serious [about the policy]. I think it will work, and what it takes is that students have to believe and care enough about it,” said Bobbette Morgan, president of the Academic Senate.

The policy states: “Tobacco use will not be permitted in any facility of the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College. ... The use of tobacco products (including cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco and other tobacco products) by students, faculty, staff and visitors are prohibited on all UTB/TSC campuses.”

It also prohibits campus organizations from accepting money or gifts from tobacco companies.

In a letter sent to faculty, staff and students, Morgan states the ongoing process for a tobacco-free campus started in 2005. Around that time, UTB/TSC was going through some major issues with complaints from faculty members about the excessive “smoke clouds” in areas such as the Endowment Courtyard between



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Starting Sept. 1, UTB/TSC will prohibit smoking campuswide, including the parking lots.

Mary Rose Cardenas North and South halls and the Life and Health Sciences Building, where students would smoke on the balconies outside of classrooms that made it difficult for other students to get through.

“At that point, there were designated areas [to smoke] and the students didn’t seem to honor that,” she said.

It was then that Cheryl Phelps, an assistant professor in the Modern

Languages Department, suggested a tobacco-free campus policy expanding from the buildings to the campus grounds, including the parking lots. A resolution was proposed, but nothing came of it until 2009 when Morgan became president of the Academic Senate.

“Coming in as president, I decided that the way I was going to take issues forward to the administration, so they would

get some attention paid to them, was to do it through [Handbook of Operating Procedures] policies,” Morgan said.

The HOOP is a set of rules for the whole institution and “has teeth in it, that can be enforced,” she said.

“So, we put together the HOOP policy and promoted it in terms of a tobacco-free campus,” Morgan said. “We were encouraged, and it came through the UT System to us to bring back [the policy] to campus and discuss.”

Not only were faculty and staff members concerned about the heavy smoking on campus, but students as well wanted to make some sort of change.

The Student Government Association and the Staff Senate have passed resolutions in favor of the policy.

SGA President Jorge Muñoz said he researched the issue when Erasmo Castro was SGA president in 2008 and 2009.

“There were some students complaining about [the smoking],” Muñoz said. “Erasmo, as president, pushed for it, and he did write a resolution [for a tobacco-free campus], and it did go through, which said that that student government in that specific year supported it, yet nobody else did and it went nowhere besides the student floor.”

In the United States, smoking kills more than 392,000 people annually,

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## Changes ahead for communication degree plan

By Rene Cardona Jr.  
Staff Writer

The Communication Department might eliminate the mass communication track from its degree plan due to a drop in enrollment in the track’s courses.

No formal action has been taken to implement a new degree plan or delete the track. But since last spring, students new to the program are no longer given the option to choose the mass communication track that is under the communication degree plan.

Academic Adviser Janie Llanas has been telling several interested students the news.

“Some of them were upset because they were doing the core [curriculum], they were doing their basics, they were, you know, getting ready to start on those areas and [the mass communication track is] no longer going to be available,” Llanas said.

However, those who are declared

majors pursuing a mass communication concentration don’t need to worry. After all, a signed degree plan is a contract between the student and the university.

“The students that [are] in that track, that are halfway and only need two or three courses, we will find substitutions; we’ll find similar courses,” said Sharaf Rehman, chair of the Communication Department. “The students who are already in that track, they will get to finish their degree and on their degree or transcript it will say that was their concentration. ... We said we will give you this package; we are obligated to give you that package, and we will.”

Recent drops in registration for courses required under the mass communication track have led university officials to question the viability of the program and propose changes that will better satisfy the student body.

“We really can’t and shouldn’t accept students into a program when we’ve

not been able to offer courses because enrollments haven’t been high enough to warrant running the classes,” said Daniel Heimmermann, dean of the College of Liberal Arts. “So it’s really beyond fair to students to have a program and then say we’re going to kill this class before the semester begins.”

For example, feature writing was canceled last spring because not enough students signed up. No one signed up for advertising this semester, so it too was closed.

Rehman said the last two years have seen such trends, “so what we gathered from that is that, obviously, there is not enough interest in that particular track.”

Ten students used to make a course viable, but now that’s being raised to 15 students. Communication Associate Professor John Cook said, “it’s going to be even harder for a course to make without enough enrollees.”

Declining enrollment is rather anomalous since upper-level communication courses were never canceled between 2004 and 2008. Reasons for it are suppositions at this point.

“I think it is because we as an institution do not have a TV and audio production facility in place,” Rehman said. “So, we can’t really provide people with the training that we prepare them to go out and get jobs in the industry and students realize that.”

Rehman later said students graduating can account for lower enrollments in courses, too.

Cook also cited changes in prerequisites that took place last year so students would follow the basic order of 1000-to-4000-level courses as a possibility. But, the unknown has led both professors to look for answers.

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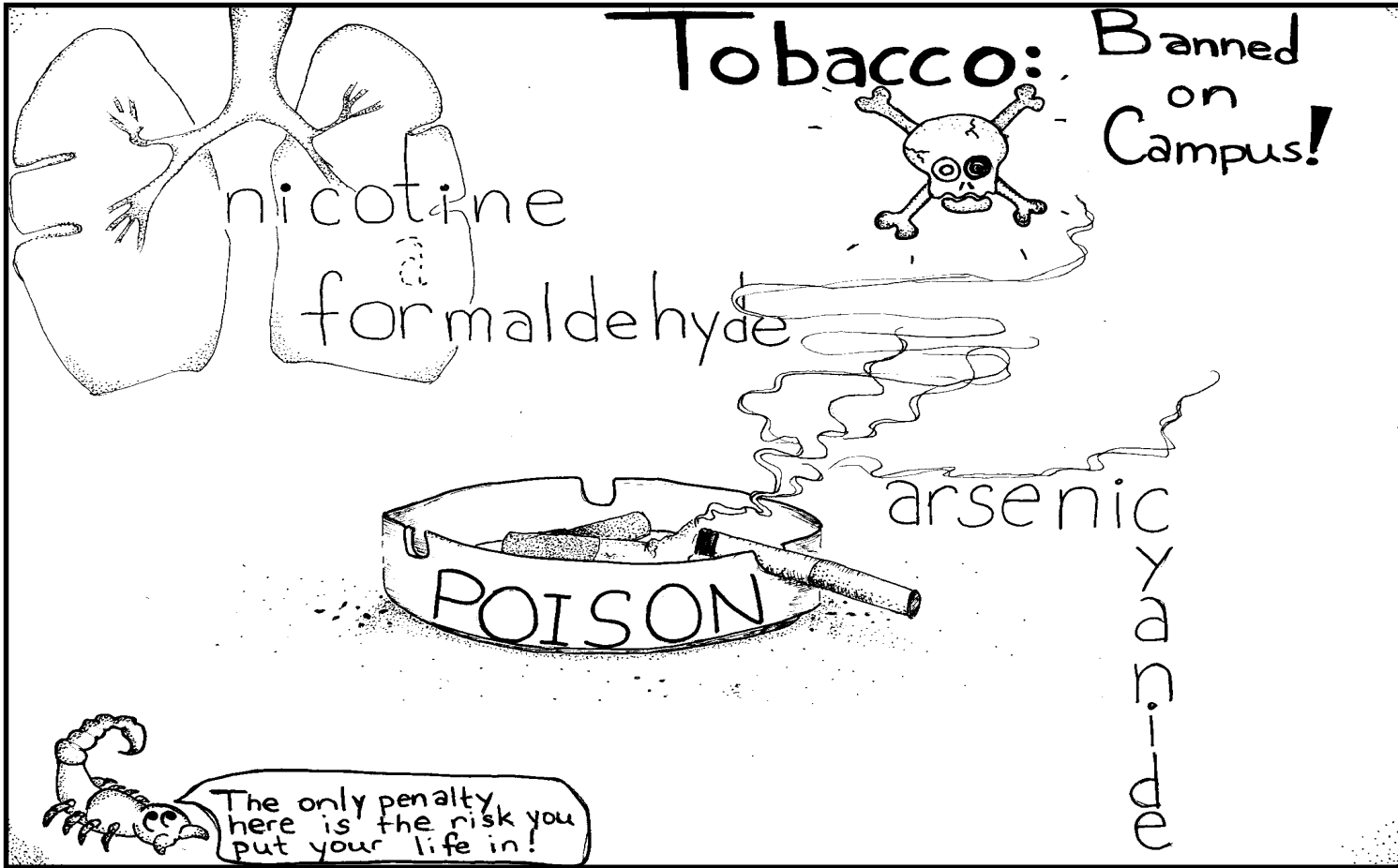
“I was supposed to get a government class, but then I had to get the approval from some teachers. The first time I was denied because they gave me the reason [that] I could go to face-to-face classes. Well, what if I can't? They don't have to care if I want to go to class or want to take it online, which I want to take it online. Then I had to request it again. ... I was accepted. I had to invent the excuse that I worked all day so I could get the class online.”

**Claudia Benavidez**  
Sophomore Spanish major

“I hate the new enrollment system. ... I liked the old one better: You are the first one there [to register], you get your classes and everything. If you're there, good for you. If you're not, well then you weren't there. It's your fault. ... I couldn't get into classes that I wanted. I'm still fixing that: photography, because they only offer it once a year and the other because it was really late, so I just barely got into that yesterday, actually. And drawing, I'm still figuring it out. Drawing is a prerequisite for Drawing II and for painting. ... Everything was getting full because art has so, so little classes.”

**Pamela Acosta**  
Sophomore art major

*Do you have beef? If so, call Collegian reporter Rene Cardona Jr. at 882-5143 or send him an e-mail at collegian@utb.edu.*



# Welcome, Scorpions

**By Christine Cavazos**  
*Collegian Editor*

My first day at UTB/TSC three years ago looked like something out of a movie. One of my best friends picked me up on a cloudy, rainy Monday morning. She was a new driver and didn't know where anything was located in the new SUV her mom had given her. To say the least, we took more than 10 minutes to figure out where the lights and windshield wiper buttons were. After many setbacks and shouting matches, we arrived to campus.

We might not be able to control the weather for you, but we can provide a freshman guide designed just for you. We want UTB/TSC to become your home; it will, after all, be a place where you'll spend much of your time. This beautiful university has many services to offer and we want you to take full advantage of them. Even if you are not a freshman, there might be some things you didn't know the university had. Campus Police is a service I use all the time. Now, let me tell you, I believe I'm a very organized

person. But, between school assignments, work deadlines and tests, I tend to forget a thing or two, such as leaving the lights on in my SUV. Leaving the lights on for hours kills the battery, so I'm left there, alone, speed-dialing Campus Police. Officers will take no more than 10 minutes to arrive to the scene and recharge your battery. Voilà! The day is saved! College is a unique time in your life. It's where you decide what you want to do with your life, where you meet great people, where you can learn from amazing professors.

A new school year means a lot of different things. It means you get a fresh start. It also means new opportunities. Perhaps it's time to take a French course or to finally ace that dreaded subject. For me, it's also a good excuse to start fall shopping. College is a crazy ride-- a crazy, fun ride. Enjoy it! If you would like to tell me about an issue you are concerned with, send an e-mail to [collegian@utb.edu](mailto:collegian@utb.edu) or call 882-5122.

# Becoming a tobacco-free campus

**By Eugenia Curet**  
*Director of Student Health Services*  
**and Christopher Longoria**  
*SEI Employee at Student Health Services*

UTB/TSC Student Health Services is extremely pleased that the university will become a tobacco-free campus beginning Sept. 1. This initiative reflects the growing nationwide concern regarding cigarette smoking and all types of tobacco use. In fact, this places our campus in compliance with the University of Texas System board of regents' Resolution Regarding Tobacco-Related Health Concerns of June 6, 1991. The guidelines of this policy have been entered into UTB/TSC's Handbook of Operating Procedures and are posted on the school's Website. Take a moment to consider why our campus faculty, staff, administration and students overwhelmingly support

this tobacco-free initiative. According to the Centers for Disease Control, smoking is the leading preventable cause of death in the United States, causing 443,000 deaths per year. And, would you believe that 49,000 of those deaths are from secondhand smoke? It's not fair that people who never smoked a day in their lives are candidates for an early death because someone exposed them to secondhand smoke, is it? Everyone knows about smoking, chewing tobacco and snuff causing cancer. These products also produce heart disease and lung disease, including emphysema, bronchitis and chronic airway obstruction. On average, a smoker will die 13 to 14 years earlier than nonsmokers; smoking also increases the length of time people will live with a disability by two years. Another CDC statistic that is hard to believe: More deaths are caused each year by tobacco use than by all deaths from the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), illegal drug use, alcohol use,

motor vehicle injuries, suicides and murders *combined*. Women who smoke are subject to adverse effects on reproduction, including infertility, preterm delivery, stillbirth and low birth weight. Children are very susceptible to the adverse effects of secondhand smoke, too. It increases children's risk of asthma attacks, respiratory infections, ear infections and sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS). Female smokers are also likely to suffer from lower bone density, increasing their chances of bone pain and/or breakage later in life. Smokers are often in denial, and when confronted with the potential harm caused by smoking, their response is "It's my body, and I'll do what I want. Who am I hurting?" The answer is, a lot of people. In fact, 49,000 people, as mentioned above. At Student Health Services, we encourage you to seek treatment to stop smoking, and we implore you to never smoke around children. If you are a nonsmoker, we support you in

standing up for your rights and asking others not to smoke in your presence. If you are a smoker--or a user of any tobacco products--take heart, there are many options to help you kick the habit. These include counseling, over-the-counter and prescription nicotine replacement products, such as nicotine gum or patch, prescription non-nicotine medications and the good, old-fashioned way: quitting "cold turkey." *Remember, you don't have to do this alone!* Student Health Services is here to help you get started on becoming a happier, healthier Scorpion! For more information, call Student Health Services at 882-3896 or check out its Website: [www.utb.edu/sa/shs/](http://www.utb.edu/sa/shs/) The Centers for Disease Control Website is informational as well: [www.cdc.gov/tobacco/](http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/)



# Fun forecast for Welcome Week

By Stephanie Reyes  
*Staff Writer*

Each year, students are welcomed to campus with fun activities during UTB/TSC’S “Welcome Week.”

Eloy Alvarez, assistant director of Student Life, says “Welcome Week is the university’s way of kicking off the school year, lessening the stress of the first week for students and starting the year off on a positive note.”

What better way than to start off with a week full of different activities and events held throughout campus.

Last Saturday, hundreds of students moved into The Village at Fort Brown , the university’s student housing complex.

Debra Perez, the housing coordinator for Residential Life, said 317 students were to move in at The Village.

From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. today through Wednesday, information tables will be set up at the Lightner Center, Education and Business Complex, Endowment Courtyard and Student Union. Volunteers will assist students trying to find their classes.

On Tuesday, there will be a *Tardeada* from 4 to 7:30 p.m. in the EDBC courtyard, and the student marimba group will perform. *Aguas frescas* and *pan dulce* will be served to students.

A pep rally and concert take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday on the Student Union lawn, where the men’s and women’s soccer teams and the volleyball team will be introduced. The band Something to Remember will play for the audience. Popcorn and ice cream will be provided.

On Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., a Student Involvement Fair will take place



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on the Student Union lawn. Student organizations and departments will set up tables and distribute information.

At 6 p.m. Friday in the Student Union’s *El Gran Salon*, the university’s first Freshman Convocation is scheduled. Mari Fuentes-Martin, associate vice president for Student Affairs and dean of students, said there will be a procession into the event. Those addressing the freshmen will be UTB/TSC President Juliet V. García, Provost Alan Artibise, Texas Southmost College Trustee Trey Mendez and Student Government Association President Jorge Muñoz.

Fuentes-Martin strongly encourages all freshmen to attend the event.

To close out the week, the university will host Orange Crush from 7 to midnight at the Recreation, Education and Kinesiology Center. The event will feature games, food, music and a movie.

At 6 p.m., there will be a smoking cessation talk by Student Health Services Director Eugenia Curet.

At 8 p.m., “Shrek Forever After” will be screened by the pool, while a Wii tournament and sports games such as dodgeball take place inside the building.

At 9 p.m., a hypnotist will entertain the

crowd on the REK Center lawn.

At 10 p.m. on the lawn, the Chris Rivera Band will perform on the lawn.

Students can take part in novelty acts such as wax hands, street-sign making and flipbooks. In addition, there will be inflatable bouncers, plus free brisket barbecue, pizza and soft drinks. Sergio Martinez, director of Student Life, expects 2,000 students at the event.

Welcome Week is sponsored by Student Life and Dean of Students Office.

## Comm

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Rehman has looked at class enrollment figures and how many students are declared, active communication majors--students who have taken classes with the department.

“We have a total of about 120 to 130 active majors in communication, overall, and probably eight or 10 of these are in the mass-media track,” he said.

However, pinpointing all the students who have chosen the mass communication track is no easy task. Llanas said because mass communication is only a track in the degree plan, a query put in the system to determine how many students have chosen it may not be accurate.

“The only thing we could probably do is run all of the bachelor of communication students and see the ones who have taken an upper-level class from that particular block, but it doesn’t really mean that they were in that track,” she said. “They might have taken it as an elective.”

Cook has taken a different approach and gone looking for answers directly from the students by starting a survey that asks if the deletion is wanted and what track they prefer. He has gathered students to send the survey via e-mail to other communication majors, hoping to reach 100 students.

“I don’t know how to get that information other than to go to the students,” Cook said. “It might just be easier just to ask the students because it would require going through the files degree plan by degree plan.”

Because the process to change a degree plan is multilayered, having to travel through two committees on campus, the University of Texas board of regents and finally the Texas Higher Education

Coordinating Board, Cook said changes “couldn’t possibly be implemented before Fall 2011.”

So, what can future communication majors expect on their degree plans?

Future degree plans will not look the same as previous ones because minor changes will be made regardless, Cook said.

“Right now, one of the courses that both tracks take is survey of the media, and we are thinking that maybe there ought to be a course that overviews communication fields other than media for those comm studies majors. ... We’ve been looking at moving the second writing course out and we change that to a TV production course because I think people are more interested in mass comm production than they are in journalism overall.”

Also being considered is a general communication studies degree plan, which essentially is a merged version of the current one. This will be done by moving one class in media writing and one in production to the core of the degree plan, Rehman said. Classes in film, theater, broadcast production and journalism would be offered as electives, offering “greater flexibility and a greater choice.”

“Now you have a greater choice of electives, which ... makes the core much stronger,” Rehman said. “It is now in line with the core at places like UT-Austin. We have incorporated all the classes UT has in its core for a communication major. ... What I’m saying now is you come and take whatever you want to take. It’s going to be a much larger smorgasbord for the students.”

With this degree, students’ job prospects could change.

“There are very few jobs in the mass media market in the [Rio Grande] Valley,”

Rehman said. And, a trip out of the Valley to cities with larger job markets would mean competing with “people that have graduated from Houston and other really established, long established, state programs.”

Offering a degree in general communication studies would prepare students for such jobs as a public relations specialist, information officer, or positions at local retail chains like Target, Sears and Dillards, he said.

Erika Rodriguez, a senior communication major under the mass communication track, agrees that job prospects would be improved under the proposed revisions to the degree and is already doing something similar.

“Both [tracks] interest me, but because we had to pick one, I had to pick one,” she said. “But now that they’re doing that--that they want to do that, I think it’s great. It’s a very good merge.”

Cook is concerned not all students will see it this way. In his opinion, mass communication and communication studies are “very different,” each leading to different career interests.

“If we merge the tracks, we’ll be having comm studies students taking mass comm courses they don’t need or want, and we’ll have mass comm students taking comm studies courses they don’t need or want.”

On the other hand, with only one track on the degree plan, Rehman said, faculty would be freed up, opening the door for a graduate program in corporate communication.

“We have conducted a survey and we know there is a need for that; there is a demand for that,” he said.

So, what if you want to study mass communication?

Rehman would say to go to UT-Pan

American, which, according to its Website, offers a bachelor’s degree in journalism.

“I’m not sending customers away,” he said. “I am giving them sincere advice that is in their best interest. If that’s their interest, we are not the right place--not right now.”

Nothing is set in stone, though, so don’t start packing your bags. Even if the track gets deleted officially, in the future, the mass communication track may be reinstated if the demand is there. The electives of the proposed general communication studies degree would be a gauge for demand.

“We are still going to offer a lot of these courses and if these courses make and attract large numbers of students that’ll be a very telling sign that, indeed, there is an interest in reviving the track,” Heimmermann said. “We still have our feelers out via these courses, which will now become electives as part of the more general communication degree. ... It’s not that we don’t think it’s an important track or a field of study; it’s just that we can’t do everything, and we probably shouldn’t do everything, especially if the student interest doesn’t warrant it.”

Rebecca Anzak, a junior communication major, thinks it’s sad the option won’t be available to incoming freshmen. Although one of her communication courses for this semester got changed to a different one she hadn’t signed up for, she said, “UTB has to stay as versatile as they can to incoming students.”

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## Briefs

**Swim lessons at REK Center**  
The Recreation, Education and Kinesiology Center will offer swimming lessons to the campus community and immediate family members. A private, 45-minute lesson is \$15 per lesson, or \$75 for six lessons, for REK Center members. A 45-minute lesson is \$20 per lesson, or \$100 for six lessons, for the campus community. The registration deadline is the first

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The campus community can drop off bottled water, canned goods, cooking oil, dry goods, beans, rice, corn meal, flour, diapers and other items at the Recreation, Education and

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**Obesity prevention**  
Neurologist **Alok Kalia** will present two lectures, “Obesity Prevention for Adults and Children” and “A Guided Tour Inside Your Body,” from

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--Compiled by Daniel Beltrán  
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## Police Reports

*Following are among the incidents reported by Campus Police between May 5 and July 13.*  
At 10:48 a.m. May 5, a staff member reported that a university laptop computer was missing from his Student Union office. The computer was valued at \$2,227.  
At 4 p.m. May 9, the Recreation, Education and Kinesiology Center reported an injured male student. Emergency medical technicians arrived, but the student declined services.  
At 4:34 p.m. May 14, a woman injured her knees and back by missing the last step on the stairs at the Education and Business Complex. She refused medical treatment.  
At 9:30 a.m. May 19, a staff member reported that an unknown male was videotaping her with his cell phone.  
At 9:40 a.m. May 24, a pregnant student reported having severe stomach pains. She was transported by the

Brownsville Fire Department to Valley Baptist Medical Center-Brownsville.  
At 3:43 p.m. May 24, the alarm at the University Boulevard Library sounded. Students were evacuated but no sign of a fire was detected.  
At 2:26 p.m. May 27, an unknown individual was reported to be causing a disturbance in the Tandy Hall area. The individual was given a written criminal trespass warning.  
At 9:18 a.m. June 11, an officer reported an injury he suffered while pursuing a group of individuals who ran away from him when he tried to make contact with them. He suffered minor injuries to one his hands.  
At 2:17 p.m. June 14, it was reported that the fire alarm at Tandy Hall sounded. It was determined that the alarm went off because the smoke detector had accumulated dust.  
At 1:35 p.m. June 15, an officer on patrol observed three suspicious males. When the

officer approached, the men ran away. One man was caught near the Arnulfo L. Oliveira Memorial Library and was turned over to the U.S. Border Patrol.  
At 9:38 a.m. June 16, an officer was called to assist U.S. Border Patrol agents at the Fort Brown Memorial Golf Course after an individual was found asleep on a bench. The individual was placed under arrest on charges of public intoxication and transported to the Carrizales-Rucker Detention Center.  
At 2:10 p.m. June 17, the Brownsville Police Department sought assistance from Campus Police after a man reported his stepdaughter missing. An immediate search was conducted but they were unable to locate the girl.  
At 2:36 p.m. June 17, it was reported that a man was sleeping by the main entrance of the Andres Cueto Building, located at Madison and East 13th streets. The man was

intoxicated and was transported to the Carrizales-Rucker Detention Center.  
At 2:02 p.m. June 25, it was reported that a man and woman were stuck inside the Student Union elevator. The elevator was manually opened by a Physical Plant employee.  
At 11:01 a.m. June 28, an iguana entered the exterior pipe of the UTB/TSC Body Shop at the International Technology, Education and Commerce Center. The iguana was released.  
At 4 p.m. July 7, it was reported that an unknown woman was using the showers in the Manuel B. Garza Gym.  
At 1:49 p.m. July 13, a man was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana. He was transported to the Carrizales-Rucker Detention Center.

--Compiled by Alejandra Gonzalez

## Scholarships

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# Delicious decisions: new food vendor to be chosen

By Rene Cardona Jr.  
Staff Writer

Two companies are vying to become the university’s new food vendor.

Luby’s Culinary Services or Sodexo will replace U-Mix in the Student Union and Tandy Hall and Delicious Desserts in the University Boulevard Library’s café.

After five years of occupying *El Comedor* in the Union, U-Mix’s contract will expire on Oct. 15, but no decision has been made as to which company will replace it, officials say.

“The thing that is holding us up is there is going to have to be a massive renovation of the kitchen area at the Union,” said William Dodd, the director of Purchasing and Records Retention. “So, the sticky points right now are where that money is going to come from and how much these entities will be willing to share in that investment.”

Both vendors proposed remodeling *El Comedor*. Sodexo would update paint/wall coverings, install an electronic meal system, add new service wares, small wares and salad bars, according to a presentation shown to the campus community in July. Luby’s presentation did not include textual specifics about its renovation plan, but it would also offer an electronic meal plan system.

Negotiations and working through various scenarios are also taking place because both vendors are offering two different business models.

Sodexo is proposing to offer an all-you-can eat buffet, which means students would have to pay at the door, and a mandatory

meal plan for students living at The Village at Fort Brown. Luby’s would set up a traditional cafeteria with no mandatory meal plan.

“Those are just some basics,” said Douglas Stoves, the director of Residential Life and the Student Union. “There’s other things that deal with the financial model. ... Each of them bring a quality product, but they’re different in how they deliver their services.”

As for food, Luby’s is offering multiple menus and venues. Global Café will serve stir-fried dishes; By the Slice will provide freshly baked pizza; Fire it Up is to offer grilled items; salads will be served by Garden Fresh, and a Luby’s venue would serve its traditional restaurant items.

Sodexo presented menu highlights for *El Comedor* such as a fresh salad and soup bar, deli items, classic cuisine entrees, a rotating grill, pizza and pasta.

Besides taking over the space in the Union, whoever is chosen will also utilize other sites on campus to sell and offer catering services to the campus community.

For these areas, the vendors presented different food and refreshment options. If Sodexo is chosen, Starbucks drinks, deli sandwiches, assorted salads, sushi, fresh fruit cups, parfaits and freshly baked cookies would be among the items available in Tandy. A full espresso coffee bar, Jamba Juice and smoothies, deli sandwiches, assorted salads, sushi and gourmet bakery items would grace the menu at the library’s café. A wine and cheese bar would also be erected in the Arts Center.

For the library, Luby’s would create a B’stro venue that would serve Seattle’s



SOURCE: SODEXO

Best coffee. Its catering services would be available in *El Gran Salon* and the Arts Center.

And, that’s not all. Both vendors mentioned projects for the future.

Luby’s would set up more venues and incorporate the International Technology, Education and Commerce Center in future plans. For a future installation, Sodexo would create an outdoor grill called the Paseo Café.

To keep students informed on the decision process and what the vendors are presenting, Stoves said the Food Advisory Board and Purchasing Office will post information on the UTB Resident Housing Association Facebook page within the first couple weeks of class. To see its updates, visit <http://www.facebook.com/utbhousing>.

“This is a decision that has some impact,” he said. “We want students to know, basically, what was presented.” Student input will then be taken into account.

“We take in the comments from the students, the Food Advisory Board, from the people who have been on this little search committee, from the Vice President of Student Affairs, from the Vice President of Business Affairs. ... So, we take in all the information and make the decision based on the data.”

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# County discusses lengthy case processing time

By Cleiri Quezada  
*Staff Writer*

The Cameron County Commissioners' Court discussed the overcrowding in the Carrizales-Rucker Detention Center with city and county officials during a special meeting earlier this month.

Magistrates, district judges, county court-at-law judges, the sheriff, district attorney, district and county clerks attended the Aug. 12 meeting in the hope of finding a solution to the issue.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Sofia C. Benavides said there are "large amounts of money being paid out to other counties to house inmates" for a number of reasons, including overcrowded jails.

"We are faced with a major deficit in the budget that is being caused not only because we have some inmates that could have been processed and sent to up to [the Texas Department of Corrections] but also because of the fact that we're housing these inmates outside of the county, paying other counties, and we don't have the money to open up [the addition] to our jail," Benavides said.

Arturo C. Nelson, judge of the 138<sup>th</sup> District Court, said the problem is not how long somebody is waiting to get sentenced, the problem is how long somebody is

waiting to get processed.

"The law enforcement agency files its charges with the district attorney's office," Nelson said. "[The suspects] are arrested at that time. The district attorney's office then makes their charge. Then the case gets a court setting, and then gets disposed of either through a jury trial, a trial before the bench—guilty or not guilty or dismissed for other reasons."

He said the amount of time people are waiting in jail to get processed in this county "is particularly high" as both Commissioners John Wood (Precinct 2) and Benavides have said in several meetings.

"We have no control over what the law enforcement agencies are bringing to the district attorney's office," Nelson said. "The district attorney's office is hamstrung ... and mind you we're talking about some 20 different law enforcement agencies in the county. And the ideal thing is to have a central magistrate system."

"If I landed in jail today, how long would it be more or less before I get an attorney assigned to me?" Benavides asked Nelson.

According to the Texas Fair Defense Act, "the attorneys are appointed usually between 24 to 48 hours; the law requires that it be in no less than 48 hours," he responded.



MICHELLE SERRANO/COLLEGIAN

The Cameron County Commissioners' Court discusses budgetary issues and jail overcrowding during a special meeting Aug. 12.

People wait in jail until their paperwork has been filed.

"Sometimes, we have paperwork and no body; sometimes, we have a body and no paperwork, so it's just an inefficient system that's grown that way since it was created," Cameron County District Attorney Armando Villalobos said. "And, unfortunately, it's hitting us down because of the population. They're arresting more people than they normally would, but we can't do anything with them unless we have paperwork."

The best way to locate, identify and expedite the cases of inmates is through direct file, "that is our goal," Villalobos said.

Nelson argued that the county lacks a system where those accused of a crime are magisterated in a central location.

"Travis County has that; we do not have that," he told the commissioners. "We hope that you move it to that direction."

He said a company has committed to give the county a proposal for case management software.

# City sets Aug. 31 public hearing on tax rate

Christine Cavazos  
*Collegian Editor*

The Brownsville City Commission will conduct its first public hearing on the proposed ad valorem tax rate increase at 6 p.m. Aug. 31 on the second floor of City Hall.

Finance Director Pete Gonzalez told the commission during Tuesday's meeting the general fund will have a \$4.4 million deficit for the end of Fiscal Year 2010.

Mayor Pat Ahumada said the commission made a mistake by not increasing tax rates for FY 2010.

"Now, we are in a situation where everybody is hurting. In other words, the best time to raise one penny that you were so angry fighting against was when the time wasn't as bad as it is today," Ahumada said.

Gonzalez told the commission if nothing is done to alleviate the deficit, the commission will need to reduce expenses in city departments.

"When we cut expenses, we cut services;

we are talking cutting expenses in every department," Gonzalez said. "We can continue to reduce more expenses, but we are just not going to be able to deliver what we been delivering all this time."

He presented options to balance the budget, including asking the Brownsville Public Utilities Board to raise its rates. Because PUB gives 10 percent of its revenue to the city, this will increase the budget and alleviate the situation.

District 4 Commissioner Edward C. Camarillo disagreed with the idea.

"I don't think it's right to ask PUB to raise electrical rates or water rates so that the city can get more money," Camarillo said. "We should just then raise property taxes. I think that raising any of these rates would cause more harm to the public, already considering [the] unemployment rate is at 11 percent here in Brownsville."

In FY 2009, the city encountered a \$3 million deficit in its general fund. However, PUB agreed to transfer \$3 million from its surplus money to balance the city's budget.



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Brownsville residents Leticia Perez-Garzoria (from left), Elsa Cantu, Dagoberto Barrera, Jeff Duval DeBourbon and Alex Resendez protest the city's decision to stop broadcasting comments from the public.

Ahumada disagreed with the action and said, "It's coming down to this. PUB is bailing us out," according to *The Collegian* archives.

During Tuesday's meeting, he told the public:

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# SGA reaching out to students

By Rubi Martínez  
Staff Writer

This year, the Student Government Association wants fellow students to share their concerns about campus issues.

“One of my biggest things that I have been going after ... is trying to get the lines of communication between students and student government straightened,” said Jorge Muñoz, president of the Student Government Association.

This year, the SGA wants to reach out more to students. Muñoz said students are failing to go to the SGA for help.

“They just don’t trust us like that,” he said.

Last spring, no action was taken on a resolution stemming from a complaint that classes were not being offered in the Arts Center. Now, the SGA plans to prevent similar situations from occurring this academic year. Also, internal conflicts affected the senate’s progress.

Rosalinda Rangel, the SGA’s vice president of administration, shares Muñoz’s views on the organization and its structure.

“A lot of students don’t know what the SGA is, even if they are juniors or seniors .... I think that is mainly because, so far, the past SGA have not done their job in

putting themselves out there,” Rangel said.

During Scorpionation, the SGA recruited freshmen and explained its purpose. As of now, the SGA will conduct freshman elections Sept. 10 for the five seats available.

The SGA plans to hold meetings in different venues, such as in Cardenas North and South halls and in the Education and Business Complex rather than the Student Union’s Salon Gardenia (where it has traditionally conducted meetings). Also, Sting Radio might broadcast the SGA meetings.

“[Sting Radio] were the ones to approach us, and I think it’s a good idea to work with other organizations around the school just so that they can change their view ... of the SGA. ... It would be great,” Rangel said.

The responsibilities have increased for both Rangel and Muñoz, and they are working together as a team to make changes.

“[The vice president of administration is] more of a coordinator, [and] the manager of the organization. So if Jorge has an idea, I pitch it to the Senate, and if everyone likes it, then we go for it,” Rangel said.

One of Muñoz’s goals is “to build a good foundation in which somebody else can take over the organization.”

Others seats in the Senate are available besides those for freshmen.



Jorge Muñoz



Rosalinda Rangel



David Marquez

“If we can actually show the students that we’re doing something, then they will want to be a part of us.”

--Jorge Muñoz  
SGA President

“If we can actually show the students that we’re doing something, then they will want to be a part of us ... there is no reason why not to fill them,” Muñoz said.

Advisers Mari Fuentes-Martin, associate vice president for Student Affairs and dean of students, and David Marquez, coordinator for Student Judicial Affairs, work closely with the members of SGA.

An SGA adviser “serves as a mentor to the members of the Student Government

Senate...We are available to them when they need to consult on certain matters,” Marquez said.

Any freshman interested in becoming a senator in the SGA can log on to the Student Government Association home page, click on “Get Involved,” fill out the application and turn it in to the Student Government office in Student Union Room 2.16, or the Dean of Students office, located in the Old Education Building. To become a freshman senator, you must have less than 29 credit hours and a 2.0 grade-point average. If you already have credit hours, then at least 70 percent of your classes must be complete.

The SGA’s first meeting is at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Salon Gardenia.

# Enrollment at 13,000-plus; more expected

By Héctor Aguilar  
Spanish Editor

Preliminary figures show more than 13,000 students have registered for classes at UTB/TSC this semester, officials say.

As of Tuesday, 13,383 students had signed up for classes, Registrar Albert Barreda said in an e-mail interview. In Fall 2009, the university had 17,151 students, according to figures provided by the Registrar’s Office.

“We are already slightly above last year’s fall enrollment [for non-Dual Enrollment students],” Barreda said. “However, there have been some initiatives that were implemented this year that encourage students to register earlier than in the past. So, we are not going to see a big influx or big changes in enrollment the last week prior to when classes start. We do expect enrollment to continue to increase slightly in the next couple of weeks, probably in the neighborhood between 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-8 percent increase in enrollment is a fair expectation.”

Dual Enrollment students who will sign up for classes this week will boost enrollment, Barreda said. As of Tuesday, 596 Dual Enrollment students were registered. Last year, a total of 5,344 Dual Enrollment students were registered.

In an interview with *The Collegian* in 2009, then Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Linda Fossen said the university had a goal of 20,000 students by 2010. But René Villarreal, the current associate vice president for Enrollment Management, said that figure has not been met and the university now wants to meet that goal by 2020, expecting an increase of 4 percent per semester for the next five years.

“We are one of the few four-year institutions where a student can come in and pursue a one-year certificate, have it transition to a two-year degree and also complete a four-year degree,” Villarreal said.

New programs of study for the Fall 2010 semester include a certificate in administrative management, a certification as Microsoft certified specialist, an associate degree in business management technology and a bachelor in multidisciplinary studies, according to information provided by the Enrollment Management Office. The most requested degrees are vocational nursing and the associate degree in nursing, he said. An online nursing program (bachelor of science in nursing) is available as well; however, students must be licensed before acceptance into the program.

Villarreal said Enrollment Management uses several forms of social media to attract new students, including YouTube, Twitter, Facebook, Google Talk, MySpace. Twitter is the favored medium, having 1,063 followers. Students can sign up for these social media on UTB/TSC Web pages.

## Village at capacity

Of the 13,000 students enrolled at UTB/TSC, 331 are living on campus at The Village at Fort Brown, officials say.

Douglas Stoves, director of Residential Life and Student Union, said The Village is at full occupancy with 317 residents and 14 resident assistants. Saturday was the official Move-In Day. Stoves said 20 people are on a waiting list.

Asked what are some important things that students living in The Village need to know, he replied: “Get to know your neighbor.”

The Village houses students from 20 different countries and Stoves said that students should take the time to introduce themselves to their fellow residents to learn about different cultures.

A number of activities are planned for the residents, including a cleanup of University Boulevard and a free Thanksgiving meal to student-residents who remain here during that holiday.

Stoves plans to work with UTB/TSC faculty to arrange future events where students are informed about an array of topics from astrophysics to bird-watching.

A new kitchen has just recently been completed, which will allow students to

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# Can’t pay tuition? Ask the Business Office

By **Alejandra Gonzalez**  
*Staff Writer*

If you have not paid your tuition and fees by the deadline, the UTB/TSC Business Office can help you.

The Business Office is one of the departments that students will visit plenty of times throughout their college career. The office provides a wide variety of functions and services to current and prospective students, their parents as well as faculty and staff.

Students can request an emergency loan

or an installment option to pay their tuition and fees.

Many students and their parents are “seeking alternative payment plans and we assist them with that,” said Business Office Director Yolanda De la Riva.

“We do a lot of financial counseling so that no student is denied the opportunity to come to the university because of financial reasons,” De la Riva said.

The Business Office also transmits financial aid awards to students’ accounts and processes refunds.

Additional university functions for the office include payroll, payments to vendors, preparing monthly financial statements and mail processing.

If you encounter a block during registration, it might be because the Business Office placed it.

“The [blocks] that the Business Office places on students are some type of monetary, where a financial transaction is necessary; [it] could be [an] outstanding balance or parking citations,” De la Riva said.

The Business Office has more than 45 employees working to assist students.

De la Riva encourages students to sign up for direct deposit to receive financial aid grants and/or loans. Direct deposit reduces students’ security risk and the time to process checks.

The Business Office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday. For more information, call 882-8202.

# Want a dream job? Career Services can help

By **Stephanie Reyes**  
*Staff Writer*

Attention, freshmen: Undecided about which career to invest your college education in? Career Services is here to help students prepare for a career.

This department offers assistance in preparing résumés, helps students develop and perfect interview skills.

Career Services is located in the Old Education Building, across from the Campus Police headquarters. Its office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Counselors take walk-ins or you can call 882-5627 for an appointment.

The department conducts several job fairs throughout the academic year. This semester, fairs for all majors are scheduled from 10

a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 29 and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 4 in the Jacob Brown Auditorium. The Fall Graduate and Professional School Fair takes place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 22 in the Student Union’s *Gran Salon*. This fair is for juniors and seniors who plan to apply for graduate school. Fairs are open to UTB/TSC alumni.

Students can also look for internships at Career Services.

Jaime Villanueva, the department’s coordinator for student relations, said a contract has been signed with the City of Brownsville for 20 internships.

Villanueva strongly encourages students to apply for internships before their senior year.

“That is the No. 1 thing recruiters are looking for, is students with experience,” he said.

Career Services also offers resources to

prepare for job interviews such as résumé preparation and mock interviews.

“When a student finishes a mock interview, he or she is told about their weaknesses and strengths during the interview,” Program Director Juan Andres Rodriguez said.

Students also can create a profile and post their résumés on the department’s Scorpion Career Connections Website, Rodriguez said.

The McAllen-Edinburg-Mission metropolitan area is ranked No. 4 among the top 25 best performing cities by the Milken Institute.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the top five occupations with the most openings and requiring bachelor’s degrees are elementary schoolteachers, except special education; postsecondary teachers; general and operations managers; accountants and auditors; and secondary

schoolteachers, except special and vocational education.

UTB/TSC graduates can take advantage of the department’s services at no charge, but current students take priority.

Career Services consists of six full-time employees: a program director, two coordinators, two career specialists and a secretary.

Villanueva advises incoming freshmen “to get involved, find a club that you want to join, to interact with different departments and if you need help in anything, ask for help.”

He also suggests that they start building a relationship with Career Services because it can help them find jobs.

For more information, call Career Services at 882-5627.

# Health is nothing to sneeze at

By **Stephanie Reyes**  
*Staff Writer*

This school year, you might be thinking not only about looking your best but also about maintaining your body in great condition. Thanks to UTB/TSC’s Student Health Services, you can.

Student Health Services is located in Cortez Hall 237 and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

The clinic provides basic medical services such as first aid, medical care if you are sick, pharmacy services, wellness screenings, gynecological exams, testicular exams, counseling, psychiatric services, health education and promotion, social services and vaccines for all UTB/TSC students.

Among the vaccines offered are meningitis, which costs \$5 for those under 19 years old and \$110 for those age 19 and older. Flu shots cost \$10 for all UTB/TSC students.

Education and Kinesiology Center together to support one another throughout their weight-loss process. As part of the program, the department is collaborating with the REK Center to teach students how to do low-impact exercises. Before starting this program, you first need to get all your blood work done, which impacts your weight. This blood work can be done at a reduced cost for all students wishing to participate in this program.

Curet said the department is providing a program with a health educator to teach students how to cook nutritious dishes for the weight-management program. It is also going to invite parents to learn how to cook the different dishes so they can not only learn but also teach their child at home. To take part in the program, students must show their UTB/TSC Sting Card.

For more information about Student Health Services, call 882-8951 or visit its Website at [www.utb.edu/sa/shs](http://www.utb.edu/sa/shs).

For ad rates, call 882-5143

# Too close to comfort?

By **Rene Cardona Jr.**  
*Staff Writer*

College is what you make it. Although it sounds cliché, it’s true, especially when the college life that lies in front of you is surrounded by familiarity--as is the case with UTB/TSC.

Essentially, this university sits neatly in the comfort zones of many of those who attend.

For many, UTB/TSC is a drivable distance and situated in a city that has become familiar over the years. No long drives out of the Rio Grande Valley or bitter, teary farewells precede this college life.

Refusing to accept the challenge of leaving your comfort zone is rather easy since attending UTB/TSC can become a seamless transition from high school to college. After all, UTB/TSC literally lies in close proximity to five high schools, absorbing much of their graduating populations.

But if you continue with the same reasoning you had in high school such as scant extracurricular involvement, self-imposed status quos and retaining an “I’m-getting-outta-here-ASAP attitude,” you’re cheating yourself out of a true college experience and, most importantly, a life-changing experience.

The segregated courtyard between Cardenas North and South halls, the dead silence prevalent during class discussions, student apathy and lack of student involvement on campus are usually cited as examples of that high school nature entrenched on this school’s campus.

Think about it. Everyone practically knows everyone else, so high school life just restarts on a larger, different campus.

From experiencing this collegiate world and

hearing of those outside the Rio Grande Valley, there is a huge disparity apparent between them. Even neighboring UT-Pan American has similar problems (like those cited above) to UTB/TSC, as one of their newspaper’s reporters once informed me.

If you want to have a great time and actually be great, don’t rely on the glamorized, collegiate promiscuity and partying to edify you.

Decide for yourself to make a change and to flee those confining comfort zones you’ve grown to love these last four years.

Make this college experience into a life experience by becoming someone you would have never imagined and by simply letting go of the past. Envision a blank slate for the future, even though that future has started where you’ve lived your whole life.

It’s not the distance of the school from your home; it’s the distance you travel to leave your mental confinement that makes one heck of a college experience.

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# Hungry, little fella? Check out these meals and deals

By Rene Cardona Jr.  
*Staff Writer*

Being a student is hard. A great way to deal with stress--and put on those infamous freshman 15--is to eat. With high prices and myriad choices, the possibility to bust a budget or your digestive system is certainly there. So, here are some popular and inexpensive food items you'd regret not knowing about.

For five years, U-Mix has served UTB/TSC students, staff and faculty who venture to the Student Union's

Scorpion Café. For two of those years, Fernando Nuño, a freshman criminal justice major and U-Mix employee, has frequently received orders for the Faculty Favorite Panini. The name is no surprise since marinated chicken breast, bacon, avocado, provolone cheese and pesto dressing are sandwiched between ciabбата bread--a hefty and surely satisfying medley for \$6.46.

If you're looking for something simpler that comes with a soft drink and maybe a cookie, walk no further

than to the Barnes & Noble Café. Sandwich combos feature ham, tuna salad, turkey or chicken salad. They are packaged with a fruit cup or cookie and a bag of chips or bow-tie salad and are accompanied with a Grande drink. These combos range from \$5.75 to \$6.75.

Maybe you're on a budget and not willing to pay six bucks for food, not a problem. Just wait 'til Big Mac Wednesday. Every week McDonald's at 1104 International Blvd. (and other Rio Grande Valley

locations) serves up its famous burger for \$1.62 or \$3.14 for the combo.

Want some dessert, too?

Another U-Mix favorite is the Platango smoothie, which can keep you refreshed on these sweltering summer days with pineapple, banana, mango and nonfat vanilla yogurt. A 16-ounce smoothie will cost \$3.46 and a 24-ounce one, \$3.93.

Be sure to visit U-Mix before it closes, as its contract with UTB/TSC expires soon. (See related story, Page 7.)

# Dean of Students: one office, many tasks

By Dayna Lee  
*Sports Editor*

Just like every other department on campus, the Dean of Students office is vital to our students. This office stands as the student advocate and is also where student discipline takes place.

In this office, students also can pick up one of the 4,000 planners that double as the student handbook; this year, there is major

emphasis on the "Go Green" campaign. Be sure to get yours before they run out. They are on a first come, first serve basis.

The Dean of Students office also handles Scorpionation, Scorpion Scholars and Welcome Week, among other events and programs.

For students who have any sort of grievance, this is the place to go to. You can schedule an appointment or submit a grievance application via the Internet at [http://www.utb.edu/sa/dos/Pages/](http://www.utb.edu/sa/dos/Pages/Grievances.aspx)

[Grievances.aspx](http://www.utb.edu/sa/dos/Pages/Grievances.aspx).

"We help you facilitate the process, we don't guarantee that you are going to get the results you want, but this is who you go to first," said Mari Fuentes-Martin, associate vice president for Student Affairs and dean of students.

For those students who rely on public transportation, discount bus passes that UTB/TSC once offered through the Brownsville Urban System are now discontinued as per the city.

In a reply to an e-mail, BUS Director Norma Zamora said, "We have 20-ride student passes, which require a school ID, for \$9 and weekly passes that have unlimited rides for \$12. In addition, the fare for students is at a reduced rate of 75 [cents] per ride."

The Dean of Students Office is located across the street from Campus Police headquarters. For more information, call 882-5141.

# Libraries are not just for books anymore

By Daniel Beltrán  
*Staff Writer*

The University Boulevard and the Arnulfo L. Oliveira Memorial libraries offer a variety of resources for students, including access to computers, databases (such as catalogs), photocopiers and printers.

In addition, the University Boulevard Library, which opened last year, has a learning resource center and study rooms. Its hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 11

p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 1-11 p.m. Sunday.

With their Sting Card ID, students may reserve a study room for up to two hours. As many as 10 books may be checked out for 21 days. Late returns will be charged 30 cents per day.

Students also can get their Sting Card ID at the new library. Take care of your ID; otherwise, the cost to replace it is \$10.

The Oliveira Library, which is undergoing renovation, is expected to open its

doors to all UTB/TSC students by early September. It will offer a reading room, the archives (including special collections) and computers. The tentative hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.

The Oliveira Library is still under construction and waiting for new furniture, said Dean of Instructional Support Douglas Ferrier. This is why it is not possible to have access the first day of class.

The cost of the renovation is \$2.44 million,

Associate Vice President for Facilities and Planning Veronica Mendez told *The Collegian* via e-mail.

"The interior renovations are intended to provide better service and access to students by bringing the open computer lab and user support services to the first floor," Mendez said. "In addition, the renovation covers the expansion of the Special Collections by providing those services up front as well."

# Keep body toned at the REK Center

By Rubí Martínez  
*Staff Writer*

In college, it's important to not only exercise your brain but also your body.

If you want to avoid the Freshman 15, go to the Recreation, Education and Kinesiology Center. The state-of-the-art facility is open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday.

The REK Center can be used by currently enrolled students, faculty, staff and alumni. It has more than 60 professional and student staff members to answer your fitness questions and show you how to use the equipment.

For students, membership is included in the fees that you pay along with your tuition, so all you need is your Sting Card ID to access the facility.

The facility, which opened in May 2009, has a wide variety of fitness equipment including treadmills, elliptical machines and weights, plus a basketball and volleyball court, an indoor jogging track and an exterior swimming pool. A total of 600 lockers are available to members on a

first-come, first-serve basis.

Fitness classes are also available. They include yoga, kickboxing, muscle confusion exercises aimed to lose weight or get back in shape and step or swim aerobics. There is no additional charge for the classes, as they are included in your membership fee.

Personal trainers are available at an extra charge, ranging from \$20 for a single session to \$160 for 10 sessions. In order to receive a personal trainer, you must fill out a form on the UTB/TSC's REK Center Website: <http://www.utb.edu/sa/campusrec/Pages/PersonalTrainingRequestForm.aspx>.

In addition, if you have a competitive drive, then intramural sports are for you. You can make your own soccer, volleyball or flag-football team with your friends and compete with other teams on campus.

The REK Center has plenty to offer, and it is just a walk away.

## Important dates for the Nov. 2 General Election


**Aug. 24**  
*Last Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for local political subdivisions ONLY)*

**Oct. 4**  
*Last Day to Register to Vote*

**Oct. 18**  
*First Day of Early Voting*

**Oct. 26**  
*Last Day for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)*

**Oct. 29**  
*Last Day of Early Voting*



Source: Texas Secretary of State Website Michelle Serrano/Collegian





# Athlete of the Week

**Name:** Jesus Díaz  
**Age:** 20  
**Hometown:** Brownsville  
**Major:** Accounting  
**Classification:** Junior  
**Sports:** Flag football, softball, volleyball  
**Position:** Receiver and defense for flag football  
**What or who inspired you to start playing the sport?** “I just like it. Even when I was a kid, I didn’t need the inspiration. I just liked it.”  
**What has been your best moment while playing this sport?** “My senior year of high school was the best. But, I like playing here at UTB/TSC better because I play with my brother.”  
**What have you learned from playing this sport?** “I’ve learned to cooperate with people that I don’t know.”  
**What is your favorite movie?** “I don’t have one. I like movies, but I don’t have a specific favorite.”  
**What kind of music do you listen to?** “Rock. Basically everything, except country.”  
**What do you plan to do after graduation?** “If it’s not working for a firm as an accountant, then I’d like to establish my own firm. I want to move out of Brownsville, but I’m not too sure where.”

--Compiled by Dayna Lee



## Scorpion Volleyball Schedule

Noon Friday vs. Mid America Christian University

6 p.m. Friday vs. Loyola University

11 a.m. Saturday vs. Brenau University

All Games at Fort Worth

# Scorpion sports on fire

By Dayna Lee  
*Sports Editor*

While some students may be buying textbooks, some are on the soccer field and on the volleyball court. The time for our UTB/TSC teams to show their skills is just about to begin, and they are getting ready for a season expected to be full of success.

Athletic Director and Head Volleyball Coach Todd Lowery is more than willing to talk about the Scorpion volleyball team, and his enthusiasm for the teams’ potential success this season is contagious.

This year, the volleyball team has competition in each position, and the roster is full of young women with superior athletic ability who are looking forward to playing tough teams.

“Fresno Pacific [University], of course, when we go to California—they are two-time national champs,” Lowery said. “That’s where we want to be, we want to be at the top. Lee University is another one. They have a couple of players that transferred out of here last year, so that will be a fun game. ... They are a very good team.

“We try to make everything fun. We spend a lot of hours together. It’s a lot of work outside the class, a lot of extra the [players] have to do. And in order to do well, they have to have fun.”

Last season, the Scorpions were ranked No. 9 at the end of the 2009 season, according to the Scorpion Athletics Website.

For the men’s soccer team, this season seems to be just as promising.

“Last year, we were ranked 15th, and seated sixth

nationally,”

Head Coach Dan Balaguero said. “The guys had a very good season last year, so I was pretty happy with that.”

However, Balaguero doesn’t seem ready to stop pushing the team.

“The first goal is to win the conference, but we have done that for the past three years, and we haven’t been able to move on to the national tournaments, so the goal this year is to ensure we make it to the final side of the tournaments,” he said.

Last season, the team finished as the only unbeaten team in the country with a 17-0-2 record. However, the Scorpions lost on penalty kicks to Biola University (Calif.), 4-3, after a 2-2 tie in regulation and two overtimes in an NAIA National Men’s Soccer Championship Opening Round game at home, according to the Scorpion Athletics Website.

This year, the men’s soccer team not only has determination and talent but also experience. The roster includes captain Omar Apodaca, a bioengineering senior who has been playing soccer competitively for six years.

The team has been hard at work all summer, and Balaguero believes his team is ready to move forward, saying, “Obviously, [we need] luck. But most important, stay fit, stay focused, stay organized and disciplined. If we keep those four things in check, then we have a great chance. I mean, we have the talent. That’s not the issue; we just need a better break and hope [that] luck is on our side.”

As for the women’s soccer



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Dan Balaguero

team, Head Coach Nik Barjaktarevic has high hopes for his team as well. “That’s our goal, to be in the Final Four,” Barjaktarevic said. “We really hope to be in the Final Four. We are still a pretty young program; this is only our fourth season. We have a really strong team, though; we worked v e r y hard during the summer.

“This year’s team has one very big difference compared to rosters of past years: experience. We have a lot of enthusiasm and hardworking players. Our roster is more experienced, and it will be more beneficial to the team.”

The Scorpions went 11-5-2 last year, winning the Red

River Athletic Conference Tournament and advancing to a NAIA National Championship Opening Round game, according to the Scorpion Athletics Website.

The first official game of the season for the volleyball team is Friday against Mid America Christian University in Fort Worth. The soccer season began Saturday against the University of Texas-Pan American Club and last Friday vs. Monterrey Tech for the men’s and women’s soccer teams, respectively. Results were not available at press time.

By Dayna Lee  
*Sports Editor*

Students who are worried about professors, parking, classes and tuition might want to calm their first-day jitters by signing up for an intramural sport at the Recreation, Education and Kinesiology Center.

The REK Center offers a wide variety of intramural sports. Just ask Raul Cano, intramural sports coordinator for the last two years.

Programs available to students, faculty, staff and alumni consist of pington, soccer, softball, 3-point shootout, 3-on-3 basketball, team basketball, table tennis, dodgeball, tennis, pingpong, racquetball, 4-on-4 volleyball, team volleyball and flag football. This year, water volleyball has been added to the list and a swim club is planned under the direction of Jamie Barnhill.

“Intramural sports are a great way to meet people, and to relax.”  
--Raul Cano  
Intramural Sports Coordinator

Tournaments will be selected for softball and table tennis. The more popular sports will become leagues, with as many as 30 different teams. For the last six years, flag football and basketball teams have competed to represent UTB/TSC in games against the University of Texas-Pan American, Texas State Technical College and South Texas College. Due to roster limitations, teams are encouraged to sign up early; deadlines will be enforced.

Intramurals have several benefits.

“Intramural sports are a great way to meet people, and to relax,” Cano said, adding that they also help develop



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Intramural Sports Coordinator Raul Cano holds a prize intramural team players receive after winning a tournament.

leadership.

Raul Marabota, a junior kinesiology education major, said, “I love the competition. ... Keeping in physical fitness is great and it helps keep us all in shape.”

Students must maintain a

2.5 grade-point average to participate. Five percent of student athletes are involved in intramurals but are not allowed to play the sport they represent.

Many students do not realize how great of an experience participating in an intramural sport can be.

“I love getting together with friends,” said Karla Hernandez, a junior who played soccer last spring semester. “I love the participation of the school and how everyone goes to see you play. I also like the shirts that they give you.”

There is a free agent roster for students interested in joining a team. Any incomplete team is able to draft you.

Although intramural scholarships are not available, Cano said he would study the feasibility of offering them. Intrigued by the idea of scholarships for intramural sport players, he believes students should be given the chance of receiving a scholarship for superior performance.



# Smoking

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According to the American Lung Association Website, Secondhand smoke claims an additional 50,000 lives.

As it is the No. 1 preventable cause of death, Student Health Services will assist student smokers who want to quit smoking.

Eugenia Curet, director of Student Health Services, said she is extremely pleased about the new policy and hopes that eventually everyone will get on board with it. Curet also understands that for some smokers it might be especially hard to follow through.

“Student Health Services wants to provide some tools to stop smoking for the chronic smokers. ... For example, we have medications [such as nicotine patches and gum] for them, we can provide individual counseling, tips on what to do to not smoke and support groups,” she said.

Electrical engineering major Sixto Almazán, a nonsmoker, is in favor of the policy.

“I think it’s a good thing; I’m not a smoker myself, and I don’t like it when I’m walking around campus and there are heavy smokers outside and you get all the smoke in your face,” Almazán said.

He agrees that this will definitely make the school more health conscious, but he believes that at first, students will not listen.

“In theory, it would be awesome [for students to follow the policy],” Almazán said. “But in reality, it might not work because people need to smoke, especially longtime smokers.”

Although there are no penalties or fines for violating the tobacco-free policy, UTB/TSC’s “Handbook of Operating Procedures” states: “It is expected that all students, faculty, staff and visitors to campus comply with this policy. Members

of our campus community are empowered to respectfully inform others about the policy in an ongoing effort to enhance awareness and encourage compliance.”

Almazán believes there should be a three-strike rule, and if that does not work, then a penalty or fine should be given.

On the other hand, students such as computer science major Hunter Virkus are not concerned about the policy, even though Virkus is a smoker himself.

“[Smoking] is a personal choice,” Virkus said. “Whatever policy fits the general student body...and what the student government wants to do, it’s up to them.”

Morgan said that as of now, it is an “honor policy,” which the campus hopes every student will comply without any problems. Those who break the policy will be reminded it is prohibited to smoke. She said, however, that if smokers continue to violate the policy or start showing a negative attitude, then campus security

is authorized to issue a ticket for the inappropriate behavior.

“[Campus security guards] have a full-time job taking care of us ... so we don’t want them to be distracted by having to write tickets for smoking ... and that’s why we think the students can help. We are all in this together,” Morgan said.

According to the HOOP, the policy was to take effect this month; however, “It was decided to align the start of the policy with the start of the new fiscal year, according to Associate Provost Antoni Zavaleta. The complete policy can be found online at <http://www.utb.edu/ba/hoop/Policy/10-9-11.pdf>.

Those interested in quitting smoking may call Health Coordinator Evelyn Castilleja of Student Health Services at 882-3896 to make an appointment.

# Emotional president delivers Convocation address

By Aundrea Hall  
*Sting Radio News Director*

At last Wednesday’s Fall Convocation, UTB/TSC President Juliet V. García, the first Hispanic woman to lead a university or college in the U.S, shed tears as she addressed the audience.

García became emotional as she announced the retirement of her executive associate and dear friend, Janie Gracia. Gracia, who did not attend because of a medical appointment, began working at Texas Southmost College in the 1980s as a work-study and later decided to stay and work at the college. Gracia became a dear friend and colleague of the president, as well as many other employees.

“We could not let her retirement pass without honoring this very devoted employee,” García said.

She shared with the audience how Gracia “learned from the very best people how to treat people graciously, how everyone deserves a chance, and how important this college is.”

García struggled to continue the presentation with the lump in her throat, but the crowd encouraged her to continue the presentation by giving her a standing ovation. García then motioned her hands toward the projection screen, where a photo of Gracia was shown, implying that the applause was actually for Gracia. The president then shared the accomplishments and future goals for the university with the standing-room-only crowd. She presented statistics on unemployment, student success and degree completion.

García’s hopes of doubling the degree output were high. She revealed statistics showing that nationwide, 42 percent of Americans have bachelor’s degrees, compared with 27 percent in Texas and 13 percent in Cameron County. Assisting students in completing their degree at UTB/TSC will better the number of baccalaureate recipients in Cameron County thus, increasing the state and national rank of degree completion.

She said a wealthy student is three or four times more likely to graduate from college than a student coming from a low-income family. She understands that not all families can easily afford college for their students, but students who achieve and show excellence can be put through college with UTB/TSC picking up the bill; for example, students who are at the top of their high school class receive a full scholarship.

García enjoyed presenting a story of a library she encountered in the city of Alexandrina, Egypt, that has been re-

created. She tied that story together with that of a student also named Alexandrina, who was awarded the UTB/TSC University Scorpion Scholarship. Alexandrina attended MedTech and was the first of her family to graduate from high school and attend college. Alexandrina planned on becoming a doctor to help other people after her little brother passed away unexpectedly from a serious illness. From there, she knew that the health profession was her calling.

“I thought, isn’t it a poetic justice somehow, that she would be named after the city with the greatest library in the world?” García said.

The library was built slowly, with perfection in mind, so was this child.

“We cannot change the world. We can, though, change our students. ... Our momentum has been great over the years,” García said.

That momentum includes the degree output of students, the decrease in the

percentage of freshmen who drop out, and the growth of the campus.

UTB/TSC recently completed \$150 million in construction projects. A Biomedical Research and Health Professions facility is scheduled to open next year.

The president, however, remains focused on the future, saying the Futures Commission, established in 2003, and the Master Facilities Planning Committee will convene in September.

The transformation of the junior college into the university began in 1991 and started with 49 acres. The university now has 480 acres.

She shared the story of how she was proud to have been able to watch the campus grow into a university from a junior college.

Seventy-five new degree programs have been added, internationally recognized research is conducted, an athletic program was created, a target for Hispanic students

participating in college was surpassed and UTB/TSC met the overall Texas target in the last decade.

One goal for the university is to see more students graduate with a degree of their choice. García said the school is trying to move students through remedial courses in just one year.

The President’s Convocation closed with the recognition of staff members who have completed five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service. Newcomers or staff members with promotions were asked to stand and be recognized as well.



UTB/TSC President Juliet V. García discusses student success and university growth during the 2010 Fall Convocation on Wednesday in the SET-B Lecture Hall.

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# Cupid's Corner



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**Name:** Jorge Oviedo  
**Age:** 21  
**Classification:** Junior  
**Major:** Accounting  
**Zodiac sign:** Sagittarius  
**Describe yourself in three words:** “Outgoing, friendly and generous.”  
**What puts you in a good mood?** “A good movie, for example, ‘Superbad.’”  
**What is your dream?** “My dream is to become an accountant.”  
**What type of music do you listen to?** “Alternative rock and pop, like *Sin Bandera*.”  
**What is your best physical feature?** “My very good humor.”  
**Best place to go on a date?** “Carino’s Italian restaurant.”  
**I would never date a girl who ...** “is unethical and mean.”  
**Is it OK for a man to cry?** “Yes, everybody has feelings.”  
**What is the most romantic gift you’ve given?** “White roses and margaritas.”  
**If you could have any superpower, which one would you want?** “To fly, because I want to be free like an eagle.”  
**Do you collect anything? What?** “Yes, coins.”  
**What’s your worst habit?** “To speak really loud.”  
**If you only had 24 hours to live, what would you do?** “I’d like to explore the world.”  
**How long do you typically take to dress?** “I take around 30 minutes.”  
**Free Association Quiz:**  
**Love:** “Life”  
**Music:** “Everywhere”  
**Internet:** “Usage”  
**Clubs:** “Party”

--Compiled by Daniel Beltran

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## Art of war and architecture among Patron exhibits

By Stephanie Reyes  
*Staff Writer*

An architecture exhibit is among the offerings in this season’s Patron of the Arts program. The yet unnamed show, which opens with a reception Sept. 23, will feature the work of Assistant Professor Murad Abusalim, Assistant Master Technical Instructor Erick Diaz, students and local architects. Abusalim said he and Diaz are excited about the opportunity and are looking forward to sharing their work with the public. “Layers of the show will include the professors’, students’ and local architects’ work,” Diaz said. He hopes to showcase the local architecture and spread the

word of what has been done in the past year at UTB/TSC. “The inspiration of the show is to reach out to the public and letting them know what the architecture program is about and what UTB/TSC students are working on,” Diaz said. Both faculty members teach in the university’s year-old architecture program. Abusalim has been practicing architecture for 13 years and Diaz for eight. Printmaker and painter René Hugo Arceo will be the focus of the second exhibit on Oct. 21. Arceo will showcase his print portfolio titled “Centennial of Mexican Revolution.” A graduate of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in 1985, he has exhibited in several countries and has received numerous recognitions, including two Governor’s

International Exchange Program awards from the Illinois Art Council, according to the Patron of the Arts online brochure. The Senior Students I show runs Nov. 18 to 26, followed by the Senior II exhibit, which takes place from Nov. 29-Dec. 10. Before showcasing, students must write a thesis on the influence of different artists, said Carlos G. Gómez, a professor and graduate studio adviser for the Visual Arts Department. All exhibit openings start at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$1. Gómez encourages UTB/TSC students to attend the exhibits. “A lot of young people complain that they have nothing to do and they have to go somewhere [else] to get entertained, and at UTB/

TSC you can find quality programming by not just the Art Department but by various departments throughout the university,” he said. Gómez teaches painting and drawing and has been invited to participate as a visiting artist at his alma mater, Washington State University. At WSU, he will give a lecture and premiere his fifth edition of “Unplugged: Gómez on Paper.” He received a master of fine art degree in painting, drawing and ceramics from the university. Next week, *The Collegian* will feature the musical events that will take place as part of the Patron of the Arts’ 26th season. For more information on the art shows, call the Art Gallery in Rusteberg Hall at 882-7097.

## Looks like it’s time for an oil change



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Postdoctoral researchers Hiroshi Nozak (from left) and Qian Long, along with graduate student, Ting Zhang, check the engine oil level in a car at The Village at Fort Brown.

## 'Scopes: Written in the stars

By Melissa Ramirez  
*Staff Writer*

**Aries (March 21-April 19):** Today you need to make a good impression, so make sure your morning breath doesn’t make it to the afternoon.  
**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** This crazy first day of school makes sense. Carry a pen, take notes, and remember: The semester is only four months long.  
**Gemini (May 21-June 21):** Did you forget to update your status? Of course you didn’t, but wait--where’s your lab book?

**Cancer (June 22-July 22):** Long lines upset everybody, but working on something while you wait won’t hurt.  
**Leo (July 23-Aug. 23):** Positive moves bring positive results. This week, you’ll be the one with the answers.  
**Virgo (Aug 24-Sept. 22):** Today you’re a sweetheart, sweet enough to give up the parking space you swore you saw first.  
**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23):** Your magic eight ball will tell you that you should ask again later, but I won’t. So, this week, take plenty of notes and read. You don’t want to be unprepared.  
**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21):** Back-to-school week: New clothes, check. New shoes, check, and new schoolbag, check.

Oh yeah--used books, check.  
**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Of course, you know your professors will ask you to introduce yourself, so keep your mind open and don’t trip.  
**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** This week, your charm is off the charts and friends will want to sit next to you because they know you have the answers.  
**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19):** Remember to fill your gas tank because nothing is worse than slowing down traffic behind you.  
**Pisces (Feb. 2-March 20):** Work and school will be demanding. So, remember to pass on any blame and take credit for any success.



# Estudiante de hoy



ALEXANDRA GRACIA/COLLEGIAN

**Nombre:** Sofia Quiroga  
**Edad:** 21  
**Ciudad Natal:** Brownsville  
**Promedio:** 3.45  
**Especialidad:** Matemáticas  
**Clasificación:** Estudiante de último año  
**Fecha de graduación:** Mayo 2012  
**Reconocimientos:** Lista del Decano: Primavera 2008, Primavera 2009, Primavera 2010; y reconocimiento por el servicio de tutora de matemáticas en *Student Support Services Program/ A.S.P.I.R.E.*  
**Pasatiempos:** “Mis pasatiempos son ir al cine, salir con los amigos, de vez en cuando leer, escuchar música, bailar y la natación”.  
**Actividades extracurriculares:** “En semestres regulares practico la natación para desestresarme, y nado al rededor de una milla diaria aproximadamente, y a veces doy tutoría (voluntariado, y a veces privada) en algunas clases relacionadas con matemáticas, como por ejemplo remediales, College Algebra, estadísticas, etc”.  
**¿Cuál sería tu trabajo ideal?** “Mi trabajo ideal sería trabajar en [UTB/ TSC] dando clases”.  
**¿Cuáles son tus metas?** “Mis metas hasta ahorita vienen siendo terminar mi bachillerato y maestría, graduarme con un buen promedio... hasta ahorita son los más cercanos”.  
**¿Cómo te ves dentro de 10 años?** “Con mi familia--ya casada, claro. Trabajando en la universidad --muy bien y contenta.”  
**¿Qué te gusta de la universidad?** “Me gusta todo. Me gustan la actividades que tienen, me gusta el ambiente, la [naturaleza]--y que tienen muy buenos programas que ayudan a los estudiantes”.  
**¿Qué les aconsejarías a los estudiantes de nuevo ingreso?** “Que entren a la universidad con seriedad, que no lo tomen como algo ligero, que se pongan a leer un poco diariamente para que no se pongan estresados para cuando lleguen los finales”.  
**¿Qué consejo les darías a los estudiantes para estudiar antes de un examen?** “Antes de un examen, super recomendado que no se la pasen la noche en vela estudiando. Yo lo he hecho y no funciona, estudien desde antes y vayan tomando apuntes y vayan estudiando poco a poco una semana antes de un examen”.

--Recopilado por Rubí Martínez

# Más de 13,000 estudiantes se inscriben este semestre

**Por Héctor Aguilar**  
*Editor de español*

Según oficiales escolares las cifras preliminares indican que este semestre más de 13,000 estudiantes se han inscrito en UTB/TSC.

A partir del martes, 13,383 estudiantes se habían matriculado, dijo Albert Barreda, director de la Oficina de Inscripciones en una entrevista por vía de e-mail. En el otoño del 2009, la universidad tenía 17,151 estudiantes, según las cifras proporcionadas por la oficina.

“Ya estamos sobrepasando ligeramente la inscripción del otoño del año pasado [de estudiantes regulares]”, dijo él.

“Sin embargo, fueron implementadas unas iniciativas este año, las cuales incentivan a los estudiantes para que se matriculen con más anticipación. Así que, no veremos una gran afluencia ni grandes cambios de matriculación en la semana anterior al comienzo de clases.

“Esperamos que la inscripción siga incrementándose ligeramente en las próximas dos semanas, una justa expectativa es de entre un 7½-8 por ciento en inscripción”.

Los estudiantes de doble inscripción (Dual Enrollment) que se matriculen esta semana incrementarán la inscripción aun más, él dijo. El año pasado se matricularon un total de 5,344 estudiantes de doble inscripción.

En una entrevista con *The Collegian* en el 2009, la entonces vicerrectora asociada de Gestión de Inscripción Linda Fossen dijo que la universidad tenía una meta de tener 20,000 estudiantes para el 2010. Sin embargo, René Villarreal, el actual vicerrector asociado de Gestión de Inscripción dijo que esta cifra no se ha alcanzado y que la universidad ahora quiere alcanzar esa meta para el 2020, esperando un incremento de 4 por ciento por semestre para los próximos cinco años.

“Somos una de las pocas instituciones de cuatro años en la cual un estudiante puede obtener una certificación de un año, hacer la transición para una licenciatura de dos años y también completar una licenciatura de cuatro años”, Villarreal dijo.

Los nuevos programas de estudio para el semestre del otoño 2010 incluyen, una certificación en gestión administrativa, una certificación como especialista certificado de Microsoft, una licenciatura en tecnología en gestión de negocios (un grado asociado en tecnología de gestión de negocios), y una licenciatura en estudios multidisciplinarios, según la información proporcionada por la Oficina de Inscripción de Gestión.



CHRISTOPHER PEÑA /COLLEGIAN

Manuel Cortéz, estudiante de segundo año de ingeniería eléctrica, paga su colegiatura para el otoño 2010 el miércoles.

Las licenciaturas más solicitadas son la de enfermería vocacional y el grado asociado en enfermería, dijo él. Un programa de enfermería en línea (licenciatura en ciencia de enfermería) también está disponible, sin embargo, los estudiantes deben ser licenciados antes de que sean aceptados en el programa.

Villarreal dijo que la gestión Village está a cupo lleno con 314 residentes y 14 asistentes residentes. El sábado fue el día oficial de la mudanza. Stoves dijo que hay 20 personas en una lista de espera.

Quando se le preguntó ¿cuáles son algunas cosas importantes que los estudiantes viviendo en The Village deberían saber?, él respondió: “Conoce a tu vecino”.

The Village alberga a estudiantes de 20 diferentes países y Stoves dijo que los estudiantes deben de tomarse el tiempo para presentarse con sus respectivos residentes para poder aprender de distintas culturas.

Hay varias actividades planeadas para los residentes, las cuales incluyen un evento para limpiar el University Boulevard y una comida de Acción de Gracias para aquellos residentes que permanezcan en el campus durante este día festivo.

Stoves tiene planes para poder colaborar con el profesorado de UTB/TSC para organizar eventos en el futuro donde los estudiantes podrán ser informados de una gama de temas desde la astrofísica hasta la observación de aves.

Recientemente, acaba de completarse la construcción de una cocina nueva, la cual permitirá que los estudiantes cocinen sus propias comidas en vez de salir a comer.

**Estudiantes nuevos**

Los estudiantes de nuevo ingreso que entrevistó *The Collegian* tenían unos comentarios positivos acerca de su experiencia de inscripción.

“Fue muy fácil”, dijo Laura Medina, estudiante de negocios. “Todo mundo, como los líderes de Scorpionation y todos nos ayudaron”.

Bianca Rubio, estudiante de

psicología estuvo de acuerdo diciendo que “el proceso de inscripción fue fácil. Pude ir a la Oficina de Ayuda Financiera; ellos me ayudaron muchísimo”.

Ambas estudiantes lograron matricularse para todas las clases que querían, Medina estuvo en una lista de espera para unas clases, las cuales obtuvo después.

Rubio preguntó si los estudiantes que no pertenecen a UTB/TSC pueden asistir al centro REK.

El programa de Plus One permite que un estudiante que no pertenezca a UTB/TSC pueda usar el REK Center si le invita un estudiante de UTB/TSC y paga una cuota de \$108 por semestre, dijo Jacob Soto, empleado de tiempo parcial de Campus Recreation. También tienen la opción de comprar un pase de invitado de \$5 cada vez que visiten las instalaciones.

Medina preguntó, ¿cómo manejan su primer año los estudiantes de nuevo ingreso?

“La primera cosa que los estudiantes necesitan es tener unas metas bastante claras que quieran lograr en el primer año”, dijo Mari Fuentes-Martin, vicerrectora asociada de Asuntos Estudiantiles y decana de estudiantes. Fuentes-Martin cree que es importante poner la educación en primer lugar al hacer un compromiso para lograr tus metas académicas y personales por medio de la escuela. El manejo adecuado de tiempo permite que el estudiante dedique el tiempo necesario para obtener el éxito académico en lugar de salir con amigos.

“La diferencia entre una persona con un grado de bachillerato y una licenciatura es un millón de dólares a lo largo de su vida”, ella dijo.



# City

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commissioners history was repeating itself. “Everybody said it was a one-time deal,” Ahumada said. “[No one] listened, and I told you it was going to happen again.” Gonzalez said the city’s general fund would be alleviated if property tax rates are increased by at least one cent. A one-cent increase would result in a tax rate of .667556 per \$100 of valuation and would generate \$33,195,168 in revenue for an additional tax levy of \$497,264, according to information provided to *The Collegian* by Gonzalez. The effective tax rate of .657556 per \$100 valuation would generate \$32,697,904 in tax revenue. In other business, the commission approved \$2.3 million in improvements for the Brownsville Sports Park. The Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation Board, which has taken care of the park, recommended funding the improvements through a \$1.8 million private loan. The BCIC will add \$500,000 from its reserve fund. “A lot of the times when you put out a \$1.8 million loan it comes out to be higher

because you have to put in a reserve and, of course, there’s fees associated when taking out that loan,” said Delina Barrera, BCIC executive director. So far, the city has spent \$2 million for 150 acres in 2004 for the park, \$1.6 million for architecture and engineering services, \$10.5 million for infrastructure investment and \$13.2 million for amenity investments. Barrera said the park has attracted requests for events and sports tournaments. Barrera gave a 12-month revenue estimate of \$190,018.66 collected from concessions, gate and rental fees. Commissioner At-Large “A” Anthony P. Troiani, who is on the BCIC board, said constructing the park has been a long and tiring process. “Let’s finish the project, and let’s move on. Let’s make it as profitable as it can be,” Troiani said. During the public comment period portion of the meeting, residents stood in front of the commission wearing black tape over their mouths. Last month, the commission stopped broadcasting the public comments during the meetings because of the impolite statements directed to city officials. Brownsville resident Craig Grove spoke against the action.

“Brownsville is its people, poor, rich, simple and complex--all types,” Grove said. “It’s the people that give the city life, not its politicians or attorneys. It doesn’t matter how we speak, where we speak, whether it’s City Hall, Facebook, in the newspaper or elsewhere, these voices must be heard. Voices that are not carried do not exist. They are effectively suppressed.” Earlier this month, the city was stopped from issuing \$10.8 million in certificates of obligation after a group of residents filed a lawsuit. The group, which calls itself the Brownsville 8, sued the city and the commissioners Aug. 9. The residents are William de la O, Robert H. Carey, Roberto Uresti, Dagoberto Barrera, Argela Miller, Tere Flores, Moses Sorola and Robert Sanchez. A certificate of obligation is a bond issue that does not need voters’ approval. City attorney Mark Sossi told *The Collegian* via telephone Aug. 12 the lawsuit has no legal basis because the Certificate of Obligation Act overrules any conflicting matter in a Home Rule Charter. The city is relying on Local Governmental Code, Subchapter C. Certificate of Obligation Act, approved by Texas Legislature, to issue the bond without

voters’ approval. “A home-rule municipality may use this subchapter regardless of any provision in the municipality’s charter to the contrary,” according to court documents. However, attorney Louis Sorola, who represents the Brownsville 8, said the commission must abide by its city charter and that Brownsville is a home-rule municipality. A home-rule municipality means it’s the citizens’ right to manage their own affairs with minimum interference from the state. “We are saying, wait a minute, what controls? The City Charter or the Texas Legislature? Who says we can violate the City Charter. That is the whole argument here,” Sorola said. He said the Brownsville 8 wants the court to clarify the matter. Ahumada told *The Collegian* via telephone Aug. 13 the city does not need to ask for voters’ approval on the certificates of obligation because taxes are not being raised. Sossi said the city is discussing the possibility of filing a counterclaim against the Brownsville 8.



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UTB/TSC alumni Dale Santos and Eric Garcia play basketball with friends at the REK.





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# Something’s cookin’ at The Village

By Christine Cavazos  
*Collegian Editor*

Students living at The Village at Fort Brown now have a place to cook their meals.

A storage room near the pool was transformed into a kitchen during the summer.

Douglas Stoves, director of Residential Life and Student Union, said there was much demand from students to build a kitchen.

“I think it’s a great idea, students would normally just cook foods in the microwaves, and stuff, and they are basically limited to frozen foods and things like that,” said Ruben Reyna, a computer information systems junior. “So it’s definitely a good idea, it opens up to new cultures being able to make their certain foods, they don’t have their foods boxed in microwaveable things, so it’s a great idea; for them to feel like they are back home, and I just think it’s a great idea.”

To use the facility, students must leave their Sting Card ID at the housing office in The Village. The key to the kitchen will then be provided. The kitchen is open from 8 a.m. to midnight Monday through Friday.

“It basically feels more like home. Students will be able to do the home cooking kind of thing; it’s like mom never left. Or like if you never left,” Reyna said.

Students get one hour to cook their meals and must clean the area before leaving. A resident assistant will make sure the kitchen is properly cleaned after a student is done cooking. If a student does not clean the area, he or she might lose the privilege.

The kitchen includes a stove, countertop



LESLIE BARRIENTOS/COLLEGIAN

Students can prepare their own meals in the new kitchen at the Village at Fort Brown.

and a sink to wash dishes. Tables and chairs are also available, but residents must take their own cooking utensils and dishes.

“Yeah, I think it’s a pretty good idea, because when you want to cook with your friends, you can be there together and cook and then have fun and you can eat together there, and you don’t have to use the microwave in your room, and so I think that’s a pretty good idea,” said Sarah Rosenthal, a kinesiology freshman.

“The kitchen becomes a big issue for students, which I understand,” Stoves said. “I was happy we were able to come to that as

a solution and offer a place to cook a meal.”

Other improvements this year will be a volleyball sand court and a barbecue pit to take the place of the swimming pool.

Stoves said the pool experienced leaks last year.

He said renovating the pool would be too expensive. He also said the usage rate dropped because of the new pool available at the Recreation, Education and Kinesiology Center. So, a decision was made to utilize the space another way.

Students can enjoy picnics during the day.

The volleyball court will be added over

the winter break.

Other renovations in housing were the replacement of the roof in Building 1. The housing complex’s hallways were re-painted and parts of the carpet were replaced. Stoves said the repairs totaled about \$80,000.

“That comes out of money that we saved and basically from students’ rent over the years,” he said. “One of the challenges with housing is that we stand alone, and so whatever we do to spend in housing needs to be generated by housing.”



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